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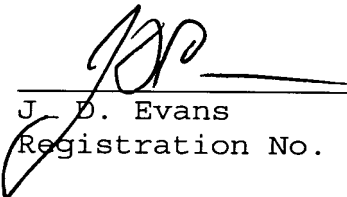
The foregoing amendments are respectfully submitted to replace the European-style claims of the international application with claims of equivalent scope in better form for examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and to add the required abstract of the disclosure.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #2190/49927).

Respectfully submitted,

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